



*Grace At Home desires to help their patients manage pain issues in a tolerable way. We do have internal policies and follow all legal requirements by the State of Indiana. In an effort to better inform the population we serve, please be advised of the following guidelines that are a part of the Grace At Home policies which all GAH Providers must follow in treating our patients:*

- No Narcotics will be written at the FIRST patient visit (new patient) regardless of previously prescribed medications by other providers.
- Patients should have the most recently filled prescription bottle for the Provider to see at any time.
- The Grace At Home Provider is under NO OBLIGATION to continue prescribing narcotics.
- Withdrawal from chronic Narcotic use is to be treated in the environment of a drug treatment program, hospital or emergency room. It will NOT be treated by prescribing additional narcotics in the home environment.
- Grace At Home Providers are working under legal REQUIREMENTS to try alternative treatments for pain management and attempt to decrease chronic narcotic doses at all times. Refusal to attempt alternative treatments (such as physical therapy, other medications, creams, etc.) may result in refusal to continue prescribing narcotics.
- Cursing, abusive or insulting language, yelling or inappropriate behavior related to the prescribing of narcotics via face to face visit with the Provider or via phone with any office staff member may result in refusal to further prescribe any narcotics and/or discharge from the practice.
- In compliance with Indiana law, we will require drug testing if you are prescribed narcotics for longer than 30 days (chronically). This testing will be RANDOM. You must consent to testing, otherwise, refusal will be interpreted as an ABNORMAL test and we will no longer be able to prescribe narcotics.
- An ABNORMAL drug test includes: the LACK of the prescribed medication in your system, inadequate amounts of controlled substance for the dose currently prescribed, other controlled substances that are not currently prescribed for the patient or illicit drugs found in the system.
- An ABNORMAL result of an illicit drug (such as Cocaine or Heroin) will result in immediate cessation of the prescribing of ALL NARCOTICS and any controlled substance and possible discharge from the practice.
- An ABNORMAL result with different than expected results of the prescribed narcotic may result in a DECREASE in the amount of prescribed medicine or REFUSAL to continue prescribing that medication.
- Drug testing frequency is at Providers discretion and may be every month.
- A referral to Pain Management may be made at Providers discretion.